PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #79-45

Building Date: ca. 1870, 1893

Building Name: Brooke-Herring House

Location: 5600 Old Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/ Inaccessible

Description

The Brooke-Herring House is a multi-part frame dwelling; it incorporates a traditional I-house built just after the Civil War, and a Victorian addition constructed in 1893. The main block consists of a twostory side-gabled frame I-house, three bays wide. Entrance is in the central bay of the main east facade through a six-panel door with fourpane transom and three-pane sidelights. Šiding of the main block is plain horizontal board painted white. Windows on the first story are 6/6 double hung sash with black louvered shutters. There is one interior brick chimney at the ridge at each gable end. Interior plan of the main block is that of the traditional I-house: central stairhall with a parlor on each side. A two-story cross-gable addition was constructed onto the south gable end of the main block in 1893. Its main east facade is extended by a two-story semi-octagonal projecting bay. This addition is partially enclosed by a further addition which has been increased in depth by an enclosed rear porch which incorporates a modern kitchen. There are two outbuildings in the yard west of the dwelling.

Significance

The Brooke-Herring House is a frame house constructed in several stages in the nineteenth century. The main block was built circa 1870 by Augustine T. Brooke on two acres of land which he bought in that year from Dr. Frederick Sasscer. The house which Brooke built was a good example of the traditional frame I-house, with central stairhall flanked by one parlor on each side. Brooke served as Clerk of the Prince George's County Court in 1879; he lived in the house until 1892 when he sold the house and two-acre lot to the Vestry of Trinity Church, the local Episcopal Church in Upper Marlboro; the church began the process of converting Brooke's house into a residence for its newly installed Rector, Charles Sontag. Construction was begun on the south addition in June of 1893, and completed in September. The house served as the Rectory of Trinity Church until 1904 when it was resold to the Brookes. From that time, it served as the home of the Brooke, Cranford and Roberts families, until it was purchased in 1952 by the present owner. It is a noticeable landmark on the main road through the County Seat, and is a good example of a Victorian vernacular I-house, expanded by a wing with Queen Anne style elements. It is a handsome and well-kept dwelling with important historical associations.

Acreage: 1.283 acres

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The Brooke-Herring House is a frame dwelling built in two stages in the nineteenth century. It incorporates a traditional I-house built just after the Civil War, and a Victorian addition constructed in 1893.

The main block consists of a two-story side-gabled frame I-house, three bays wide. Entrance is in the central bay of the main east facade through a six-panel door with four-pane transom and three-pane sidelights over molded panels. Above the transom is a fully molded projecting lintel. Approach to the door is by a new brick stoop, framed by a wooden railing painted white. This stoop replaces an earlier one-story porch which spanned the entire east elevation of the main block; it was supported by Tuscan-style columns.

Siding of the main block is plain horizontal board painted white. Windows on the first story are long 6/6 double hung sash, and shorter 6/6 on the second story. They have narrow molded surrounds and louvered wood shutters painted black. The gable roof is covered with slate shingle, and the plain boxed cornice overhangs at the eaves. There is one interior brick chimney at the ridge at each gable end. The main block originally rested on brick piers, which have been filled in and reinforced as a full brick foundation. There is no basement.

Interior plan of the main block is that of the traditional I-house: central stairhall with a parlor on each side. The open-string stair rises along the south wall of the stairhall, turns 90° at a landing, a 90° again to the second story. There is a heavy turned newel at the foot of the stair, two identical large turned newels at the landing, and a slightly slimmer turned newel at second story. The balusters are turned, and the stairends are bracketed.

Door and window surrounds feature cyma reversa and torus moldings, with plain backband. Baseboards are high with crown molding; and floor boards are of random width.

The mantel in the north parlor has a plain frieze, framed at each end by a heavy console bracket, beneath a molded shelf. The firebox is flanked by pilasters with molded bases and applied jigsawn figures. The corresponding fireplace in the south parlor has been closed. The south parlor has been extended in depth by the construction of a one-story shed-roof addition. This west addition has a four-window projecting bay on the west (rear), and a rectangular wall has been cut into the shed roof to avoid enclosing the window on the second story.

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A two-story cross-gable addition was constructed onto the south gable end of the main block in 1893. Its east gable end is flush with the east facade of the main block, but that east gable end is extended by a two-story semi-octagonal projecting bay with hip-roof beneath the gableend, and three windows on each story. These windows are 2/2 double hung sash; they have molded lintels and louvered wood shutters painted black. Entrance into the south addition is by a door (with upper glazing) on the south. Siding is plain horizontal board, slightly narrower than on the main block. This section consists of a dining room on the east, and a rear stairhall behind it to the west. This two-run closed-string rear stair has a square newel and turned balusters. The staircase is paneled with narrow beaded wainscoting applied at an angle following the line of the outer string. Behind the stair a door leads into a westerly pantry area. Door and window moldings are narrower and plainer than those of the main block, with cyma reversa and projecting rectangular courses, and a plain backband.

The south addition is partially enclosed by a further addition which may incorporate an early kitchen. This addition extends the building one bay to the south on an axis parallel to and slightly to the west of that of the main block. There is an exterior brick chimney at the south gable end, flanked by two l/l windows on the second story. The chimney has weatherings at first story level, and is painted white as high as the ridge.

This southmost section has been increased in depth by enclosing a rear (west) porch with board-and-batten siding. This one-story shed-roof enclosure is three bays wide, and incorporates a modern kitchen in the two southerly bays. In the northerly bay is an entrance into the basement under the pantry and rear stairhall in the west part of the center section. Some old materials (hewn beams joined with mortise and tenon) are visible in this basement section, but they are not aligned with the walls of the present house.

There are two outbuildings in the yard west of the dwelling. To the northwest of the house is a small gable-roof barn, built in the 1950's of some old materials. It has a shed-roof porch on the south elevation, and a cupola at the ridge. This small barn/stable is clad with board-and-batten wood siding painted red, and has a standing-seam metal roof. South of the barn is a small square chicken house, with gable roof covered with slate shingle, and sided with German siding painted white.

Approach to the house is by an unpaved drive, which forms a circle to the east of the house; there are boxwood plantings along the drive, and a large old tree within the circle. In the rear (west) yard is another box planting. Bordering the property on the south is a steep slope down to the right-of-way of the old road (now closed) to Croom and Nottingham.

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The Brooke-Herring House is a three-part frame house constructed in several stages in the nineteenth century. It stands as a prominent landmark at the western entrance of the Town of Upper Marlboro. The main block of the house was built shortly after the Civil War, and was enlarged in the 1890's to serve as the Rectory of Trinity Church, Marlboro. In this century it has served as a private residence.

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Level of Significance:

The main block of the house was built circa 1870 by Augustine T. Brooke on two acres of land which he bought in that year from Dr. Frederick Sasscer. This two-acre lot was part of a 320-acre tract (including The Meadows and part of Weston) which the Sasscer family had acquired in the 1850's. The house which Brooke built was a good example of the traditional frame I-house, with central stairhall flanked by one parlor on each side; it stood at the western entrance into the Town of Upper Marlboro, in the angle formed by the road to Weston (the plantation of the Clagett family) and the road to Croom and Nottingham.

Brooke served briefly as Clerk of the Prince George's County Court in 1879; he lived with his family in the main block of the house until 1892 when he sold the house and two-acre lot to the Vestry of Trinity Church, the local Episcopal Church of which he was a member.²

Before this time, the Rectory of Trinity Church had been located nearly a mile southwest of the Church on the road to Croom (cf. 82A-4), but in June of 1892 the Vestry sold the old Rectory to James T. Coffren, and it was converted into a private residence. In September of 1892, the Vestry purchased Augustine Brooke's home, with the intention of converting it into a Rectory for Reverend Charles Sontag, the Rector of Trinity Church who was installed in that same year. Construction was begun on the south addition in June of 1893 under the supervision of John Houtz of Washington, D.C. The work was completed at a cost of \$550 before the end of September 1893, and the Prince George's Enquirer (the weekly newspaper printed in Upper Marlboro) stated "Now Trinity Church has a beautiful and commodious Rectory within the limits of the town."

The subject house served as the Rectory of Trinity Church until 1904 when it was resold to the Brookes. From that time, it served as the house of the Brooke, Cranford and Roberts families, until it was purchased in 1952 by the present owner. Since that time, the present owner has reinforced and completed the foundation of the house, replaced the east porch with the present brick stoop, enclosed the rear porch to form a new kitchen and constructed the small barn in the west (rear) yard.

The Brooke-Herring House is a noticeable landmark on the main road through the County Seat, near the western entrance to the Town. It is a good example of a Victorian vernacular I-house, expanded by a wing with Queen Anne style elements. It was built to be the home of a man who served as Clerk of the County Court; the house subsequently served for eleven years as the Rectory of Trinity Church. It is a handsome and well-kept dwelling with important historical associations.

Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Deed, HB #3:158.
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- Prince George's County Deed, JWB #22:418.
- 4 Prince George's County Deed, JWB #21:610.
- ⁵ <u>Prince George's Enquirer</u>, 9 June 1893; Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1892-984.
- 6 Prince George's Enquirer, 22 September 1893.
- 7 See Chain of Title.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographic	cal Data			
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Brooke-Herring House 5600 Old Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro Priv/occ/res/excellent

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The house stands in the wedge of land between the old road to Croom and the road to Rosaryville. It is a noticeable and attractive landmark on the west entrance to Upper Marlboro.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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- 2. Deed FS#1:306,543
- Deed JWB#21:610; #19:146; P.G. Tax assessments for 1871, 1890, 1904, 1909, 1912.

Note: Certain features of the north (older) section of the house appear to be older than 1870, although documentary evidence does not substantiate this. Further research may someday establish the Brooke-Herring house to be an early 19th century structure.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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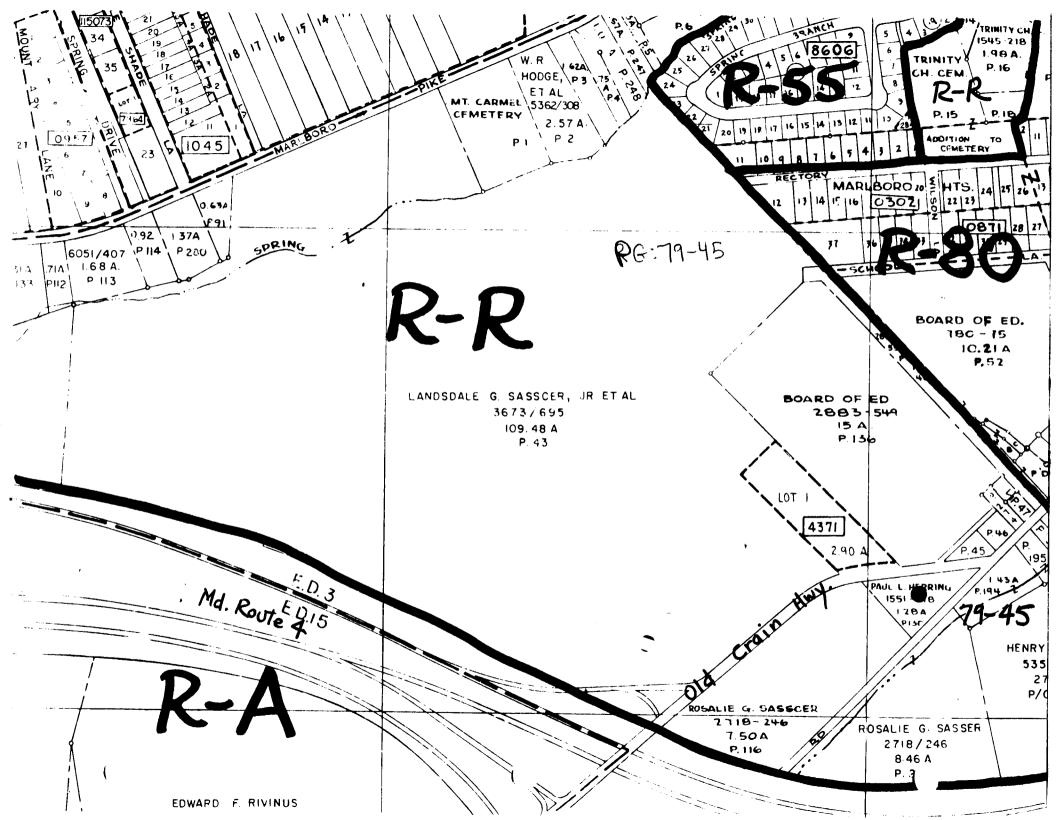
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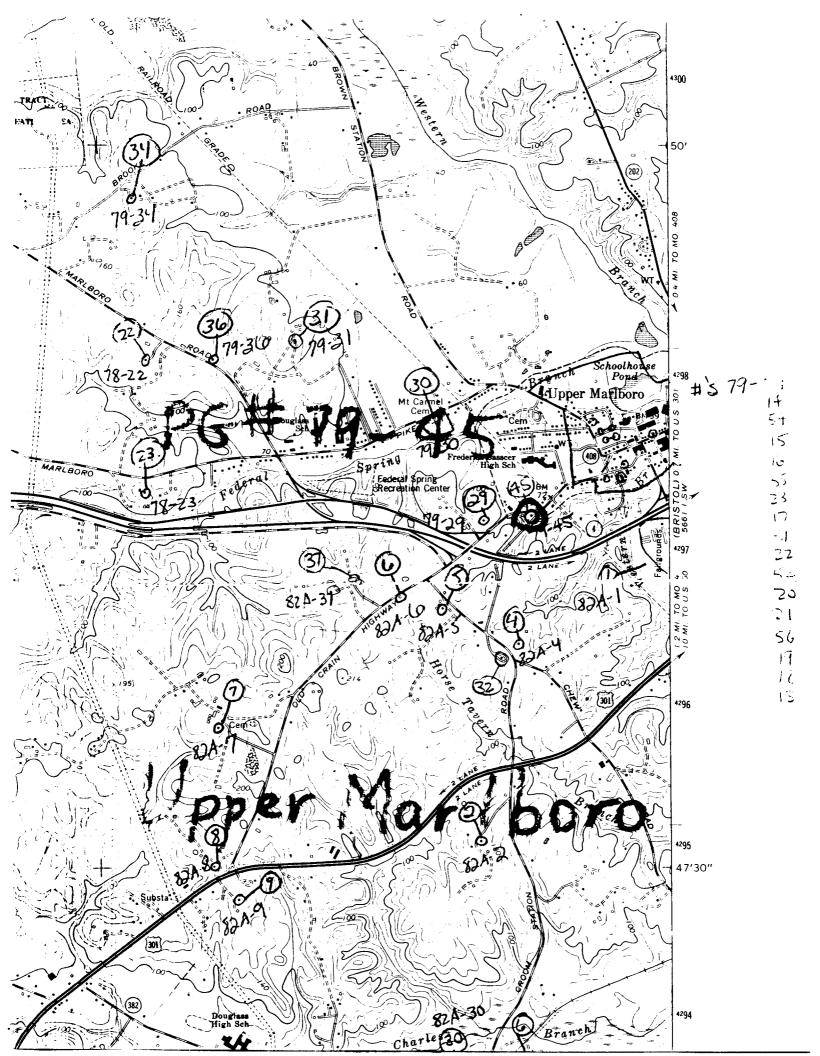
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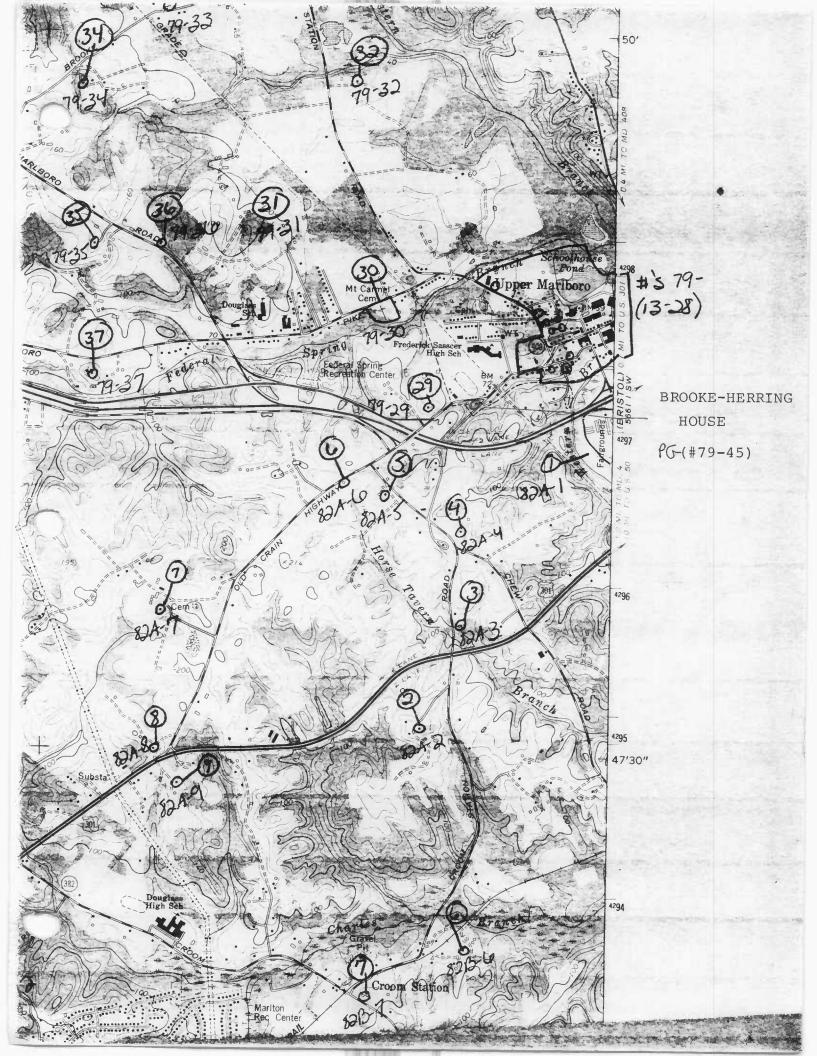
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